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Federal Executive Board Launches Campaign to Promote Public Service and Federal Employment

Boston, MA... The Greater Boston Federal Executive Board has launched a campaign to educate high school guidance counselors and students about careers in the Federal government.

On August 16, the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board (FEB) which represents 110 Federal agencies in the Boston area, mailed a letter announcing the government's campaign to 487 area high school principals. The FEB enclosed a brochure that it developed specifically for guidance counselors that highlights many of the benefits of Federal employment and programs attractive to students. The brochure provides information on useful web-sites as well.

Nationwide, the Federal government faces losing up to 50 percent of its workforce over the next five years through retirement and will have vacancies to fill in every career field imaginable. Federal agencies are looking for highly motivated individuals who want to make a difference and help meet the needs of the American people. The FEB is interested in reaching students who will go on to college and those that will not. The Federal government has much to offer both groups.

In an effort to send the message that the top leadership of the Federal community is personally interested in calling the next generation of Federal employees to serve, Diane LeBlanc, chairperson of the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board, and 25 other senior Federal executives have committed themselves to visit two high schools each during the upcoming school year.

The FEB has also invited high school principals and guidance counselors to a free, half-day informational seminar about Federal government careers on October 8, 2002, from 9:00 – 12:00. The presentation given by representatives from several Federal agencies will take place in the Auditorium of the Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA. For further information and to register, call Diane LeBlanc on 781-647-8745 or email her at UncleSam@nara.gov.

The FEBs were established in 1961 by a Presidential Directive to improve coordination among Federal activities and programs outside Washington. The FEBs provide a forum for the exchange of information between Washington and the field about programs, management strategies, and administrative challenges; a point of coordination for the development and operation of Federal programs having common characteristics; a means of communication through which Washington can strengthen field understanding and support of management initiatives and concerns; and Federal representation and involvement within their communities.